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“The gas tax is no longer doing its job. Help us by joining the conversation on a new way to pay for our roads.” – **Jade Butay, HDOT**

Hawaii is aiming for 100% clean energy by 2045. Already, there are more fuel-efficient cars on our roads, including some electric ones. Great news, but there’s a downside. The per-gallon gas tax is becoming less effective at funding our needed road and bridge upkeep and improvements, because we are using less gas.

Instead of the gas tax, might a system where we pay for how many miles we drive—a road usage charge—work better? Hawaii, along with other states, is taking a careful look. This Driving Report shows how a road usage charge would affect you based on the vehicle you recently had inspected.

Please review the information below and take the short survey online to share your thoughts. Mahalo for sharing your voice.

Your 2017 Nissan Leaf (ABC123)

Report number	5X9A6
Safety inspection	Dec 20, 2018
Period covered	Jan 2018 to Dec 2018
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Your total miles driven

10,000

Between your two passed safety inspections over 12 months.

Potential road usage charge

\$160

About \$13/month over 12 months.

Frequently asked questions

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What is a road usage charge?	A road usage charge (RUC) is a way to pay for roads and bridges based on how many miles we drive, instead of a per-gallon tax at the gas pump.
How would my mileage be recorded?	HDOT is considering different ways to record mileage. A simple way to record mileage is at your annual vehicle safety inspection. Other possible methods include smartphone apps and plug-in devices that can report mileage more frequently.
Would I have to pay both a gas tax and a road usage charge?	No. The state is considering the road usage charge as a replacement to the gas tax, not in addition to the gas tax.
Would different types of cars be charged different rates?	Possibly. The per-mile rate could vary based on vehicle weight, emissions, and other factors. This gas tax doesn't have this flexibility. The per-mile rate on this Driving Report is the same for all cars and is based on what the average car pays in gas tax today.
Have other states adopted a road usage charge?	Many other states are interested in developing their own programs. Washington, Oregon, and California have started investigating a road usage charge in recent years. There is a multi-state research collective of state departments of transportation examining road usage charging as a regional policy in the Western United States.
When will a road usage charge happen?	This is only a test. Hawaii is looking at road usage charges as one possible approach. Your feedback will help determine the state's recommendations on how to pay for our roads and bridges.
Where do I go to learn more?	Please visit us at hiruc.org for the latest information about the project or hiruc.org/evsurvey to provide us your feedback. You may also email us at contact@hiruc.org or call us at (808) 800-3527 to request a paper survey.

Explore how it might work

For each mile you drive, you would be charged a very small amount of money—less than two cents. This rate provides funding for both county and state roads in Hawaii. Because a road usage charge is still being investigated, the cost-per-mile rates are only estimates.

Total miles driven		10,000
Potential charge rate per mile*	x	\$0.016
Total road usage charge	=	\$160

*State charge at \$0.008 & county charge at \$0.008 per mile